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Primary guide member 82 and secondary guide member 84 each include an attachment plate 94 having a quick release adjustment collar 92 which includes a threaded, rotatable lock arm that enables clamping and unclamping of adjustment collar 92 along a central one of tire rods 90. In this manner, primary guide member 82 and secondary guide member 84 can be quickly and easily laterally adjusted in position relative to web guide plate 100 so as to accommodate changes to different die configurations.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 19 of page 19 with the following clean replacement paragraph in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(ii):

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Secondary guide member 84 further comprises a clamp bar 96 carried by attachment plate 94 and further supporting a guide strip 198. Guide strip 198 is constructed so as to provide a substantially greater amount of clearance between guide strip 198 and web guide 100 than is provided between guide strip 98 and web guide plate 100. Accordingly, guide strip 198 is spaced apart from plate 100 at least 3.5 thicknesses of a web which is to be received and processed

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therethrough. Preferably, web guide plate 100 is provided within a range of 3.5 to 10 thicknesses (or more) of a web of material. In this manner, delivery of a web and articles there along is principally guided by guide strip 98, and little or no contact occurs between guide strip 198 and such web during a processing operation.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 22 of page 21 with the following clean replacement paragraph in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(ii):

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As shown in Figure 3, guide strip 98 serves principally to guide web 16 and articles 14 against plate 100. In contrast, guide strip 198 is spaced a significant distance away from plate 100, and principally serves to support detector 106. However, guide strip 198 also serves to grossly retain web 14 into position along plate 100 in the event that web 16 becomes suddenly significantly misaligned. Accordingly, under normal operating conditions, guide strip 98 serves as the only principal guide for retaining web 16 in close proximity against web guide plate 100. Accordingly, frictional forces therebetween are significantly reduced.